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THE LAST STAND

The eastern meeting of the State Horticultural Society gets under way this morning in Kingston, with several members of the Station Staff taking part. Assigned formal topics on the program are Mr. Collison who will again discuss the subject of "Mulching" and Dr. Hamilton who will speak on cherry diseases. In addition, Dr. Tukey will conduct the "Question Box" for the Hudson Valley growers, and Dr. Chapman, Mr. Wellington, Dr. Palmiter, Dr. Hammer, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Dean will participate in discussions of questions within their respective fields. In the way of exhibits the Station will be represented with displays from Entomology, Plant Pathology, Pomology, Bacteriology and Chemistry combined, and a joint publications exhibit with the College. Vic Hopkins and Carl Oswald will aid in transporting and erecting the exhibits.

THE WORLD'S FAIR AGAIN

Mr. Luckett is in New York today to complete the details on the Station's World's Fair exhibit in so far as they affect the contract for construction and preparation of photo enlargements, transparencies, etc. There still remains the detail of arranging material in the several museum cases that are to be provided in the Station space. One of these cases will house a collection of wax models of fruits and vegetables upon which Miss Barnes is working, while exhibits from the Divisions of Bacteriology, Dairy, Chemistry, Seed Investigations, possibly Plant Pathology and Entomology, and publications will fill the remaining cases. Supposedly all exhibits are to be in place by April 1 for a month's "pre-view" of the Fair in anticipation of the official opening on April 30. Personally, we shall be delighted if we have everything in place and ready to go by April 30.

JUST "SNOW AND COLDER"

To those who have been shoveling snow for the past several days and sliding around the icy streets in their cars, a statement from the Weather Bureau that New York never has blizzards, will come as a welcome relief. "There has never been a blizzard in New York," says the New York TIMES in quoting the Weather Bureau. "A blizzard occurs only in very low temperatures of not more than 10 degrees above zero and carries a very fine, dry, powdered snow, which gets into rooms thru crevices in windows and doors," continues the Bureau. "It is like a white dust storm and occurs in the West and Middle West." So it is just snow and colder for us.

GREENINGS WIN - SEVEN TO TWO

One feature of the State Horticultural Society meeting in Rochester that did not get into the newspapers or on the program, was a pie tasting contest conducted by the Rochester Gas and Electric Company in its exhibit adjacent to the Geneva-Cornell display. The gas company was demonstrating a model kitchen and had in attendance two or three ladies who, among other things, baked some apple pies in the electric oven which formed part of the exhibit. Mr. van Alstyne and Mr. King saw to it that the ladies were well supplied with apples—not of course with any ulterior motive but wholly in a spirit of give and take, especially take. The last day of the meeting the officials of the Company announced a pie tasting contest in which would be entered pies made from Cortland, Greenings, and Spy. Nine "experts" qualified as judges, including representatives from the College and Station, and the utilities. The judges consumed one piece of each of the three pies which were lettered A, B, and C, without any hint as to the variety. The final vote was 7 to 2 in favor of the pie made from Greenings, with van Alstyne and Knapp from Ithaca voting for Cortland. Van Alstyne was believed to be plugging for Cortland and Knapp as a pie judge was rated as a darn good news writer. One fruit grower tried to qualify, but since he voted consistently for each pie in turn, his vote was thrown out.

PLASTICS

Dr. F. E. Lovelace will address the St. Stephen's Club on Thursday night on the subject of Plastics.

GOOD NEWS

The NEWS is pleased to report that Dean Ladd has recovered from his recent illness, and has returned to his duties at the College.

AN INVITATION

A very gracious invitation has come from Mrs. William A. Eddy of Hobart College to all wives of the Experiment Station Staff and members of the Ceres Circle, to attend a tea at her home, 690 South Main Street on Friday afternoon, February 3rd, at 4 o'clock. Wives of members of the faculty of William Smith and Hobart Colleges are also invited and it is hoped that the two groups will become better acquainted.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. Hedrick was elected President of the Geneva Garden Club to succeed Mr. Jahn at the annual meeting of the Club, last Thursday evening.

AT SYRACUSE

The New York State Jersey Cattle Club will hold its winter meeting at the Onondaga Hotel in Syracuse on February 4th. President Dahlberg has arranged to have J. C. Thompson, of the American Jersey Cattle Club, discuss a program for New York breeders. Prof. L. W. Lamb, of the College, will also address the meeting. Dr. Hucker will speak of his New Zealand trip with special reference to problems of interest to breeders. Dr. Hucker's address will be the feature for the afternoon session.

RUSTIC SULTAN

Only 32 Superior Sires, based upon type and production, have been selected by the American Jersey Cattle Club thruout its history. Our retired Sire, Superb Owlrest, was one; and at the present time another Superior Sire, U. V. M. Rustic Sultan, is at the Station. Breeders from distant points have visited the Station to view the new Sire.

A GOOD POEM

That a good poem carries more interest than a good piece of research, is indicated by a request received from the Colorado State College. The College is planning on publishing a quarterly, and the request has been received for permission to publish a poem by Mary E. Rock which appeared in Farm Research.

HONORED

For his contributions to the field of Animal Husbandry, our former Director, F. B. Morrison, was honored at a dinner sponsored by the American Society of Animal Production at the Saddle and Sirloin Club in Chicago. A portrait of Prof. Morrison was presented to the Club by the Society.

FROM WASHINGTON

R. H. Smith was at the Station on Friday checking the progress of the feeding experiment which is being conducted in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A CORRECTION

The Beatties reside at 2605 Haste Street in Berkeley. "Hostt" as given in a previous issue of the News is a high spot east of Berkeley, frequently used by the natives to escape the fog.